


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.) **PRELIMINARY ORDER**
) **OF FORFEITURE**
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MARTIN FITZGERALD HOPKINS,)
)
Defendant.)

One Smith & Wesson 3913 9mm pistol, serial number VDF2270 and ammunition.

2. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the government shall publish notice of this order; notice of its intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct; and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the above-listed forfeited property must file a petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier. This notice shall state that the petition shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in each of the forfeited properties and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in property that is the subject of this Order of Forfeiture, as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

3. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

Signed: February 27, 2012


Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge

